

C1 24. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the subset of metabolites comprises formiminoglutamate and oxalic acid.

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment mailed June 17, 2002, the Examiner requested Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In follow-up telephone conferences with Applicant's undersigned representative on June 25, 2002, and July 1, 2002, the Examiner indicated that she would like Applicant to elect a single disclosed species that identifies specific metabolites. Accordingly, Applicant rescinds the provisional election of the species of claim 23, which had been provisionally elected in Applicant's reply of March 15, 2002. By this Amendment, Applicant adds new claim 24, which is directed to a single disclosed species wherein the subset of metabolites comprises formiminoglutamate and oxalic acid. Applicant elects the species of new claim 24 for prosecution on the merits, and reaffirms the prior election of Group II, i.e., claims 15-16, 18-23, and new claim 24.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned representative if any questions or issues remain outstanding with respect to this election.

Respectfully submitted,  
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